



STARTING A STUDENT BUSINESS AT UMASS

Any student may start a business at UMASS, according to the established rights of commerce. However the limitations of the periods of operation and the mobility of the market challenge the success of such efforts.

As a response, the Student Government Association (SGA) has funded the Center for Student Business to provide guidance and training for registered student businesses at UMASS. A registered student business follows the guidelines as stipulated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the SGA, updated 9.1.03, under Title VII, Chapter 9, Sections 1 through 4.

These guidelines explain

- membership (registered undergraduates),
- periods of operation (Fall and Spring academic session)
- policies (equal opportunity, adherence to CSB policies)
- system of management required (an operational manual)
- rights and privileges
- and a plan of operation to be submitted to the SGA.

In order to start a new business, a potential business

- obtains an application from the SGA Secretary of Administrative Affairs
- submits this application to the same SGA Secretary
- if approved, submits it to the CSB
- the CSB Governing Board has an opportunity to approve

Let us know if we can be of assistance in explaining procedures to you.

